



Welcome to the Rathdrum Wednesday Newsletter!

Don't forget this coming Saturday is Valentine's Day...



Once upon a time there was this dude with wings who kept shooting people in the behind with heart shaped arrows...

Seriously,

St. Valentine's Day has been celebrated since the time of the Romans. With quite an interesting story through the ages, it was originally celebrated with a feast on February 14, 197 AD as a way to honor Valentine of Terni from Dublin Ireland. Valentine of Rome was added in 496AD! (Editor - And you thought it was only Government Programs that wouldn't go away...)

In 1969 the observance of the feast day of Saint Valentine on February 14 was removed from the General Roman Calendar and relegated to particular (local or even national) calendars for the following reason: "Though the memorial of Saint Valentine is ancient, it is left to particular calendars, since, apart from his name, nothing is known of Saint Valentine except that he was buried on the Via Flaminia on February 14."

In the 14<sup>th</sup> century it started to have romantic connotations because of Chaucer's poetry about "Vanentines".

For this was on seynt Volantynys day

Whan euery bryd comyth there to chese his make.

["For this was on St. Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate."]

A few years later, Valentine's Day is mentioned ruefully by Ophelia in *Hamlet* (1600-1601):

*To-morrow is Saint Valentine's day,  
All in the morning betime,  
And I a maid at your window,  
To be your Valentine.  
Then up he rose, and donn'd his clothes,  
And dupp'd the chamber-door;  
Let in the maid, that out a maid  
Never departed more.*

—William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, Act IV, Scene 5

By the late 1790's in England, printers had started printing 'mechanical valentines' cards with standard platitudes like "Be Mine" and "I Love You" for people to exchange.

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**Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce  
After-Hours Business Fair**

Are you looking to grow your business? Come on down to the Coeur d'Alene Resort this coming Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and network with the many fine businesses in attendance!

*From page 1 Don't forget this coming Saturday is Valentine's Day...*

Stateside, in the 1840's, the first mass-produced valentines with lace and embossed paper were produced by Esther Howland of Worcester, Massachusetts. The U.S. Greeting Card Association has estimated that over one hundred and ninety million cards are exchanged on this one day alone. (For you numbers based people, that is 190,000,000 cards!)

In the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the practice of exchanging valentine's day cards grew to include roses and chocolates. If you include all of the cards made famous by Hallmark and other printers, Roses, Chocolate, and other gifts, the National Retail Federation estimates Valentine's Day this year will be an \$18.9 billion dollar holiday!

So when you exchange valentine's day cards this coming Saturday, you will be continuing a 600+ year tradition!

If you don't, you may not make it to Sunday...



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## Golf Story of Two Best Friends

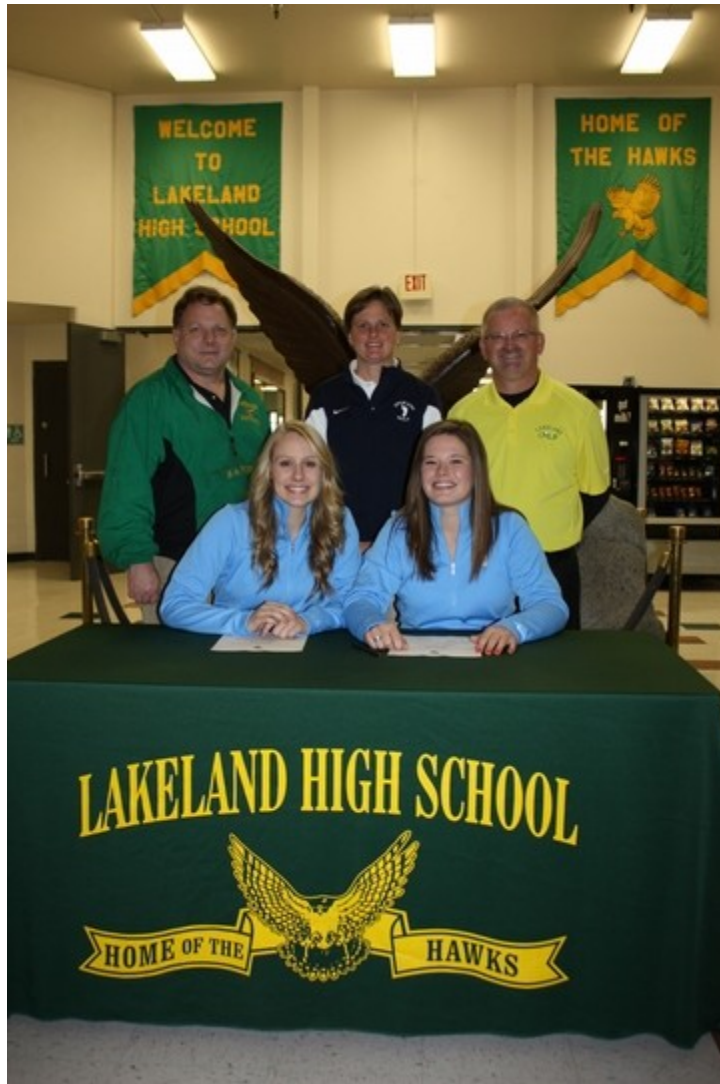
Submitted by Deanne Nosworthy

This is a story of two friends on their journey. Haley Rotchford and Megan Cysewski met in the 7th grade at Lakeland Junior High in Rathdrum, Idaho. The two athletic girls played volleyball, basketball and golf together. Outside of school, their families became great friends and did trips, summers, camping and family reunions together. The girls became inseparable.

Haley grew up having golf a part of her life. She loved to go golfing with her family even as early on as riding in her car seat as a baby in the golf cart! She did many golf clinics from a young age and played Idaho Junior Golf and decided to get serious about golf in high school. She played her freshman year and missed her best friend out on the course so begged her to play. That paid off!

Megan joined the golf team that following year and dove in head first learning everything she could about the game and loved it. She also played Idaho Junior Golf and took private lessons to better her game.

They had a great season playing together and that year, their team placed 1st at Districts with Haley placing 2nd individually. The two went on to State to compete. Both had the fever! The following year, their team went on to place 1st again at Districts with Haley placing 1st



*(Back Row Left to Right) Mario Maddy-Lakeland High School Golf Coach, Christie Dalsanders-Spokane Community College Women's Golf Coach and Darrell Hull-Golf Pro at The Links Golf Course (Front Row Left to Right) Haley Rotchford, Megan Cysewski*

individually and they continued on to State once again. Both look forward to playing their last high school season together.

Both girls knew they wanted to play golf in college so when Megan filled out a new recruit form and was asked if she knew anyone else that might like to play golf at Spokane Community College, she immediately thought of her best friend Haley. The two girls will continue their journey this high school season playing golf in beautiful North Idaho for Lakeland High School and have both signed their letter of intent to play golf for Spokane Community College in the fall, 2015. Haley will major in Radiologic Technology and Megan in Business or Education.



Say you saw it in  
The Rathdrum Weekly News

## Community Calendar

<p>Wed Feb 11</p>	<p>Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765</p> <hr/> <p>Rathdrum Westwood Historical Society Presentation at the Old Kootenai County Jail 7940 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Starting at 3:30pm For more information please visit <a href="http://www.RathdrumHistory.com">http://www.RathdrumHistory.com</a></p> <hr/> <p>Rathdrum City Council Meeting Rathdrum City Hall Starting at 6:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>Yoga 101 \$5.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Fri Feb 13</p>	<p>Valentine's Day Paper Craft \$5.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 5:00pm - 7:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>LHS Drama Department Dinner Theater presents: A Family Reunion to Die For Lakeland High School Commons Cost is \$10 and will cover food and entertainment. Tickets can be Section 1 purchased at LHS ahead of time. No tickets will be sold at the door. Show starts at 6:30pm</p>
<p>Thu Feb 12</p>	<p>Leather Valentine's Day Hearts \$10 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 4:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce Rathdrum Days Planning Meeting 8184 Main Street Starting at 5:30pm For more information please call Shanie at 208.687.2866</p> <hr/> <p>Out of the Woods Family Theater presents "The Fearsome Pirate Frank" Blanchard Community Center Starting at 7pm <a href="http://www.OutoftheWoodsFamilyTheater.com">www.OutoftheWoodsFamilyTheater.com</a></p>	<p>Sat Feb 14</p>	<p>St Valentine's Day <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine%27s_Day">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine%27s_Day</a></p> <hr/> <p>Re-Purposed Glass Candle Decor \$10.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>LHS Drama Department Dinner Theater presents: A Family Reunion to Die For Lakeland High School Commons Cost is \$10 and will cover food and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased at LHS ahead of time. No tickets will be sold at the door. Show starts at 6:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>Out of the Woods Family Theater presents "The Fearsome Pirate Frank" Blanchard Community Center Starting at 7pm <a href="http://www.OutoftheWoodsFamilyTheater.com">www.OutoftheWoodsFamilyTheater.com</a></p>
		<p>Sun Feb</p>	<p>Out of the Woods Family</p>

15	Theater presents "The Fearsome Pirate Frank" Blanchard Community Center Starting at 3pm <a href="http://www.OutoftheWoodsFamilyTheater.com">www.OutoftheWoodsFamilyTheater.com</a>	Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Mon Feb 16 through Fri Mar 20	Youth Spring Soccer Registration Ages 3 – 14 Rathdrum Parks & Rec 208.687.2399	Wed Feb 18 Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765
Mon Feb 16	Presidents' Day (No School) <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington's_Birthday">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington's_Birthday</a> Coloring Hour \$5.00 per child Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 3:30pm – 4:30pm Mother – Son Skating Night Coeur d'Alene Skate Plaza 5685 North Pioneer Drive 5pm to 8pm Tickets are \$15.00 per Mother and Son / \$5.00 each additional son For more information please call Rathdrum Parks & Rec at 208.687.2399	Leather Working Bracelet and Bookmark \$10.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 4:00pm – 8:00pm Rathdrum Planning and Zoning Meeting Rathdrum City Hall Starting at 6:00pm
	Living Fully Al-Anon Family Group Palidash Building 8052 West Main Street 6:00pm – 7:00pm <a href="http://www.al-anon-idaho.org/index.html">http://www.al-anon-idaho.org/index.html</a>	Thu Feb 19 Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon Shepard of the Hills Lutheran <b>State of the City Address by Mayor Vic Holmes</b> <a href="http://www.RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com">www.RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com</a> 12:00pm – 1:00pm R.S.V.P. by Feb 16 by calling 208.687.2866 or email at <a href="mailto:Office@RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com">Office@RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com</a>
Tue Feb 17	Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Business Fair Coeur d'Alene Resort 115 South 2nd Street 5:00pm – 8:00pm <a href="http://cdachamber.com/">http://cdachamber.com/</a> Intro to Social Media Marketing \$5.00 per person	Weight Loss Support Group Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm – 8:00pm Lakeland Joint School District #272 Town Hall Meeting John Brown Elementary Starting at 6:30pm
		Fri Feb 20 Leather Woodworking Make and

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Mon Feb 23	<p>Living Fully Al-Anon Family Group Palidash Building 8052 West Main Street 6:00pm - 7:00pm <a href="http://www.al-anon-idaho.org/index.html">http://www.al-anon-idaho.org/index.html</a></p> <hr/> <p>Leather Working Coin Purse \$15.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>
Tue Feb 24	<p>Rathdrum Parks &amp; Rec Meeting Rathdrum Parks &amp; Rec 7851 W Main St Starting at 6pm</p> <hr/> <p>Weight Loss Support Group Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>
Wed Feb 25	<p>Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street</p>

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<p>Massage Class \$10.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 5:00pm - 7:00pm</p>
<p>American Legion Post 154 Rathdrum Lion's Club Meetings start at 6:00pm For more information contact Mike Warren 208.771.0122</p>
<p>Yoga 101 \$5.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>


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## Are You Following a “Tax-smart” Investment Strategy?

We’re getting closer to April 15: Tax Filing Day. And while there may not be much you can do to change your results for the 2014 tax year, you can certainly look closely at your tax returns to find areas you might be able to improve next year — and one such area is your investment portfolio.

Of course, you may also find opportunities in other places, too. Could you have taken more deductions? Could you have moved some of your debts into a tax-deductible loan, such as a home equity loan or line of credit? You’ll want to consult with your tax advisor to determine areas of potential savings.

However, you may be able to brighten your tax picture by making some “tax-smart” investment moves, such as the following:

- *Resist the urge to trade frequently.* It can be costly to constantly buy and sell investments. In addition to the commissions you may incur, and the possibility that such excessive trading can impede a consistent investment strategy, you could rack up a sizable tax bill. If you sell an asset that you’ve held for a year or less, any profit you earn is considered a short-term capital gain, which is taxed at the same rate as your ordinary income. So, for example, if you bought Investment ABC for \$1,000 on January 5, 2014, and you sold it for \$1,250 on Dec. 31, 2014, you’d be taxed on your \$250 gain. If you are in the 28% tax bracket, you’d owe \$70 in taxes. But if you had waited until January 6, 2015, and you sold your investment for the same \$250 gain, you’d pay the more favorable long-term capital gains tax rate of 15%, which translates into \$37.50 in taxes — just over half of what you’d owe at the short-term rate. If you habitually sold investments after owning them less than a year, the taxes could really add up —so try to be a “buy-and-hold” investor.

- *Increase your 401(k) contributions.* If you aren’t already participating in your 401(k) or similar plan, start now. And if you are contributing, boost your contributions whenever your salary goes up. You typically put “pretax” dollars in your 401(k), so the more you add, the lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow tax deferred.

- *“Max out” on your IRA.* Depending on your income level, you may be able to deduct some, or all, of your contributions to your traditional IRA — and these deductible contributions can lower your taxable income. Plus, your investment can grow tax deferred. (Keep in mind, though, that taxes will be due upon withdrawal, and any withdrawals made before you reach 59½ are subject to a 10% IRS penalty.)

If you contribute to a Roth IRA, your contributions are never deductible and won’t lower your taxable income, but your earnings are distributed tax free, provided you’ve had your account at least five years and you are older than 59½. In 2015, you can contribute \$5,500 to your IRA, plus an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution if you are 50 or older— and it’s almost always a good idea to “max out” your contributions each year.

By following a buy-and-hold investment strategy and using those tax-advantaged accounts available to you, you may be able to help yourself — at tax time and beyond.

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Stop by to say Hi! and to pickup a copy of this weeks newsletter!

## Lakeland High School Annual Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the LHS Senior "Safe & Sober" Grad Party!

The Lakeland High School Parent Committee would like to invite "YOU" to their ANNUAL DINNER, LIVE & SILENT AUCTION & DESSERT AUCTION to be held SATURDAY, MARCH 7th, 2015! Check out their flyer on page two.

The Theme is "Mardi Gras" and the Menu will be catered by MacKenzie River Pizza Co.:

Chicken & Sausage Penne Pasta, Caesar Salad with Dressing and Breadsticks! Gumbo TOO!

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE @ STEIN'S IGA and SUPER1 FOODS:

Advance Purchase is \$10.00 / \$12.00 at the Door  
\$100.00 for a Reserved Table of Eight (Advance Purchase ONLY)

SEATS ARE LIMITED, SO GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

(All proceeds will benefit the LHS 2015 Senior "Safe & Sober" Grad Party!)

For more information, please call Tammy at 208.660.8905 or by email at [LHSSeniorParentCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:LHSSeniorParentCommittee@gmail.com)

If you want to donate an item to the Auction please contact Denise Murray at 731.697.7211 or by email [DeniseMurray1@msn.com](mailto:DeniseMurray1@msn.com)

Timely Tips in February 2015

by Kris Storey [HistoryBuffKris@msn.com](mailto:HistoryBuffKris@msn.com)

Kitty litter is great for picking up oil or grease on garage floors or drive-ways. Scoop it on the spot and let the granules soak up the spill, then just brush away. Keep a bag of Kitty litter in your car for those rare times you get stuck in the snow and need some extra traction. I stopped to help a friend one time and a Rathdrum Police officer pulled over too and a nice lady cop pulled a bag of kitty litter out of her car and spread it around the tires and the car was out in no time. Yea Rathdrum Police!!

Remove hair product build-up from combs and brushes by soaking them in a glass of water with either a couple of teaspoons of baking soda. You can also use ammonia.

Email me your favorite tip for consideration in future columns!

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